(*b*) what is the quoa allowed this year;

(*c*) how many tins of kerosene did the Government receive as quota in the months of May 1943; May 1944, May 1945 and May 1946?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The system of separate allotment of quotas to each State came into force only by the end of 1942.

The figures for 1943, 44 and 45 are.—

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| 1943 .. .. | 1,23,312 | tins. |
| 1944 .. .. | 1,22,928 | ,, |
| 1945 .. .. | 1,39,634 | ,, |

(*b*) 1,05,699 tins (From January to July 1946).

(*c*) Figure for 1942 is not available.

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| May 1944 .. .. .. | 9,907 | tins. |
| May 1945 .. .. .. | 9,978 | ,, |
| May 1946 .. .. .. | 13,419 | ,, |

**Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh** *(Mattancheri):* What is the full quota allotted to our State for this year?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Every month we are getting a consignment.

**Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there any possibility of increasing the kerosene ration to individual consumers?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Chief Secretary to Government):* As things stand now, we are doing our very best.

**Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh** *(Mattancheri):* According to the figures given we have received only 1,39,634 tins for the whole year 1945 whereas we received 1,05,699 tins from January to July 1946. So, we can expect about 2 lakhs of tins for this whole year. Therefore, cannot the Government double the ration now given to consumers?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Chief Secretary to Government):* If we get larger supplies, we will raise it.

**Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh** *(Mattancheri):* What is the ration now given?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Chief Secretary to Government):* 1½ bottles where there is no electric light.

## NATIONAL HIGH-WAYS

**438. Mr. P. Mani** (*Kanayannur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) which roads are going to be made National High-ways as per Post-war Re-construction scheme;

(*b*) whether the estimates for any of these roads are made ready;

(*c*) if so, which are those roads and when the estimating completed;

(*d*) what further works did the Government do regarding these roads?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The Shoranur—Cochin Road and the Trichur—Vaniampara Road were originally proposed to be raised to the standard of National High-ways. According to the revised plan of the Govepnment of India, only the roads from Ernakulam to Trichur and from Trichur to Vaniampara are included in the National High-way Scheme.

(*b*) & (*c*) The estimates for both the roads are ready. They were completed by the end of 1120.

(*d*) The National High-way Scheme is an all india proposition. The final decision of the Government of India in the matter of financing and executing the scheme in Indian States is awaited.

## SEA EROSION IN CRANGANUR

**439. Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff** *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the public of Cranganur that immediate and effective steps be taken to prevent the devastating sea erosin in Cranganur;

(*b*) whether the Government have noticed an article in the "MALABAR MAIL" requesting the Government to take immediate steps in the matter;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the representation received by them on the Council table;

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